DEWAN: Upon that question, I have expressed an opinion earlier in the day. In any case, you can have a separate reply given to you.

MEMBER: The control of poramboke lands by the municipality.

DEWAN: You will have a separate reply.

83. Needs of the Neduvankad taluk.

MR. M. SUBRAHMONYA PILLAI (*Member, Neduvankad taluk*) said that the present kist months were not at all suited to the convenience of the ryots. If the taxes were payable when the grains sold dear it would have helped the ryots very much. But now it was not so. The member therefore urged that the kist months might be changed from Tulam to Vrischikam and Dhanu and from Meenam to Medam and Edavam. This change had already been made in the Quilon division and it could be easily extended to the Neduvankad taluk.

In regard to agricultural development in the taluk, the member said that the tanks and chiras in the taluk stood in urgent need of renovation. Instances were also too many of landowners encroaching upon the tanks and waterways. These encroachments should be prohibited in future and trespassers should be evicted. Manure depots should be opened in each pakuthi and arrangements should also be made for supplying seed-bulls to cultivators. With a view to providing good manure to the cultivators, they should be permitted to collect green manure from the poramboke lands adjacent to their holdings. In order to extend the area of paddy cultivation, swampy regions within forest reserves should be disafforested and assigned to applicants.

84. Needs of the Neduvankad taluk.

MR. M. SUBRAHMONYA PILLAI (*Member, Neduvankad taluk*) said that in reply to his representation at the 23rd session of the Assembly about the necessity of capturing wild elephants making inroads upon plantations, he was told that the Conservator had made arrangements for driving them away. But the member failed to understand how elephants that came at dead of night from forests twenty and thirty miles away could be scared away by the Conservator or his subordinates. The want of alertness of the Forest Department in such matters was quite familiar to every one. Even when elephants attacked certain plantations in day time in the taluk, the department was very slow to take action; in fact they did nothing either to scare away the elephants or to capture them. The only effective remedy against the inroads of the elephants was to capture them and the Forest Department should be instructed to take urgent measures for the purpose.

In the matter of communications in the taluk, the ferry boat at the Aniyil *kadavu* should be restored. The foot paths from Kundamankadavu to Vellanad, from Aruvikarai to Nedunilipalam, from Nedunilipalam to Kallar, from Neduvankad to Aruvikarai, and from Pothancode market to the Vamanapuram road should be made cartable roads.

In the interests of public safety a Police Inspector should be posted at Vidurai and if this was not possible the present police station at Vidurai should be put under the charge of the Neduvankad Police Inspector.

Finally, the member requested that the two Arattu days in the Sri Padmanabhaswami temple and the *Thirunal* days might be declared as public holidays in the Neduvankad taluk.

DEWAN'S REPLY: Mr. Subrahmanya Pillai, I will take up the question of kist months again and see whether it is possible to do the same thing for the Neduvankad taluk as we have done for Quilon.

What is to be done for about elephants, I do not know.

MEMBER: Pits should be dug and the elephants should be captured.

DEWAN: Do the elephants come to Kottur?

MEMBER: Yes.

DEWAN: In regard to manures, I shall ask the Director of Agriculture to see whether he can arrange for the same by commission agents.

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About an Inspector for the Police station there, I shall consult the Commissioner of Police.

MEMBER: Manure leaves.

DEWAN: I shall consult the Conservator of Forests.

85. Needs of the Chirayinkil taluk.

Mr. KANAKKU MARTANDA PILLAI PARAMESWARAN PILLAI (*Member, Chirayinkil taluk, Group I*) said that two bridges were necessary over the Mamom river near the Sarkara Bhagavathi palace and the Injakalvilakathu *Kadavu*. For want of bridges at these places, cattle could not be taken across the river to the fields on the other side. It would be quite sufficient if wooden bridges about 30 feet long and 3 feet wide were put up over the river at these places.

Originally there were two bridges over the Puthanar (between the Azhur *kayal* and the Anjengo *kayal*), one near the Pulimoodu *kadavu*, and the other across the river on the way from Chirayinkil to Perumathura, Kadakavur etc. Both these bridges had long been in ruins and ferry boats were substituted in their place. The ferry service was far from satisfactory and the people of the locality were put to great inconvenience in crossing the river. The two bridges should therefore be restored. It was not necessary that the bridges should be made cartable. It was quite enough if there were two bridges about 4 feet wide, which would not cost more than Rs. 500 each.

There was a bridge over the Kochar on the way from Chirayinkil to Kadakavur. The bridge was now in disrepair. It should be repaired and made serviceable.

There was a foot-path leading from the Trivandrum-Quilon road, 18th mile, to the Chirayinkil-Attingal road, 3rd mile. If this foot-path was converted into a cartable road it would be a blessing to the people of the locality. The people of Andur, Chiyakonam etc., would thereby get an easy access to Chirayinkil. The opening of this road was not a costly project at all.

There was a ferry service at the Azhur *kadavu* between Azhur and Madanvila. This ferry service was not enough to meet the needs of the people of Madanvila and other places who had constantly to cross the canal to Chirayinkil. It will be more useful to people there if a bridge was put up over the canal about a furlong to the south of the present ferry.

So far as the District Hospital at Chirayinkil was concerned, though there were two doctors in the hospital there was only one compounder. One more compounder and a few nurses should be appointed in the hospital.

DEWAN'S REPLY: Mr. Parameswaran Pillai, the Chief Engineer has received an estimate for the construction of a bridge over the Puthanar. In regard to the bridge over Kochar he has promised to report as soon as possible. As for a bridge over the Mamom river, there is already a foot bridge near Sarkara. An estimate has been sanctioned for a foot bridge across the river just below Kizhvalam and the work has already been taken up.

As regards the road from the Trivandrum-Quilon road, 18th mile, to the Chirayinkil-Attingal road, 3rd mile, the Chief Engineer has prepared an estimate and proposes to make provision for it in the Budget for 1104.

In regard to the bridge over the Azhur ferry, the question will be taken up after the construction of the bridge across Kadagom in the 16th mile of the T. S. canal.

As regards compounders in the Chirayinkil hospital you have there the same proportion as elsewhere. Anyway, the Administrative Board considers that the existing staff of compounders is sufficient.

86. Needs of the Attingal town.

Mr. MALUK MAHOMED ABDUL KHADIR (*Member, Municipal Council, Attingal*) said that the people of Attingal were not deriving any benefit from the Chirayinkil hospital. In the first place the hospital was five or six miles away from

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